

9th Grade English Course Descriptions



Course	Reading Level	Student/Teacher Ratio	Reading List and Brief Description
AS English	Reading at or above grade level on GMRT	<p>Typical class size is between 26 and 30 students per teacher.</p> <p>Due to support from the Foundation from the Future, class size this year will not be over 30 students in either the AS or Regular classes. With support from the community, we hope to continue this trend in the following years.</p>	<p><i>Count of Monte Cristo</i> <i>The Odyssey</i> <i>Enrique's Journey</i> <i>Antigone</i> <i>Salvage the Bones</i> <i>Salvage the Bones</i> <i>Their Eyes Were Watching God</i> <i>Night</i> <i>God</i> Short Stories <i>Great Expectations</i> Poetry <i>Tempest or Julius Caesar</i> Non Fiction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heavy emphasis on analytical, expository, descriptive and argumentative writing • Consistent vocabulary practice • Development of a foundation in grammar
Regular College-Prep English I	Reading at or near grade level on GMRT (high 7 th to 9 th grade)	Typical class size of fewer than 30 students per teacher.	<p><i>Night</i> <i>Enrique's Journey</i> <i>The House on Mango Street</i> <i>Salvage the Bones</i> <i>The Odyssey</i> Short Stories <i>Romeo and Juliet</i> Non-Fiction Poetry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will write analytically, descriptively, and argumentatively
Strategic Support for College Prep English I	Reading between high 5 th and mid 7 th grade level on GMRT	<p>Reduced class size: 25 students per teacher.</p> <p>This class provides strategic reading intervention to help students access grade-level standards in the English I classes.</p>	<p>Students in this class use their extra time to work on specific writing and more advanced reading skills. Careful attention is devoted to grammar instruction and essay-writing mechanics. We also develop more acute reading skills by focusing on vocabulary, making text-based inferences, and analyzing challenging texts.</p> <p><i>3-D Writing Curriculum</i> <i>Extra grammar and writing instruction</i> <i>Outside Reading Projects</i></p>
English I Intensive: READ 180	Reading from 5 th grade and below on GMRT	<p>Reduced class size: 20 students per teacher.</p> <p><i>READ 180 students receive graduation English credit, but not A-G English credit.</i></p>	<p><i>The Odyssey</i> <i>Romeo and Juliet</i> <i>Short Stories, poetry, and non-fiction</i> <i>Scholastic R-Book</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class uses READ 180 program to intensively address reading skills. • The program involves independent reading, computer interaction, and small group direct instruction.